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The Rotary Club of Pensacola District 6940 Club 4248

## WEEK IN REVIEW 1/7/2025

**Rotarians Gather at Lifeview Center for Inspiring Meeting**  
Despite a change of venue, Rotarians turned out in force for our recent meeting at the Lifeview Center, across from the former Baptist Hospital campus. We were warmly greeted by Julie Tippins Parker, Decotah Ledbetter, Jane White, and Trey Manderson, who were busy selling 50/50 raffle tickets.

**President's Update** - President Henry kicked off the meeting by thanking Lifeview for hosting us. He shared some impressive statistics about Rotary International, reminding us that our club's 158 members are part of a global network of 1.2 million Rotarians in over 33,000 clubs!

Henry also celebrated several recent achievements:

**Successful Christmas Campaign:** Our club raised over \$3,000 for the Christmas campaign, contributing to a total of over \$200,000 raised locally. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

- **Paul Harris Fellows:** Two members received Paul Harris Fellow recognition.
- **District Recognition:** Jerry Maygarden was recognized in the District newsletter.
- **ECUA Leadership:** Vicki Campbell has been appointed chair of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority.

On a somber note, Henry acknowledged the passing of Scott Salis'

mother. Our thoughts and condolences are with Scott and his family during this difficult time.

**Sunshine Report Brings Laughter and Tears.** Richard Sherrill delivered a truly memorable Sunshine report, filled with humor and heartwarming stories. His clever wit and insightful observations left the crowd both laughing and moved to tears.

**Lifeview Group: Making a Difference in Our Community.** David Stafford introduced our program for the day: an overview of the Lifeview Group. We learned about the organization's three main components:

- **Lakeview Center:** Provides a wide range of mental health services to the local community.
- **Family First Network:** Offers support and resources to children facing various challenges.
- **Global Connections to Employment (GCE):** Connects diverse individuals, including those with disabilities, with employment opportunities. GCE is the largest employer of disabled individuals in Florida, with over 1,400 disabled employees among its workforce of 1,700. They provide services to numerous local organizations, including NAS Pensacola.

Leaders from each of these groups shared insights into their operations and the impact they have on our community. The meeting concluded with a Q&A session and adjourned shortly after 1:00 PM.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

**TODAY, TUESDAY, January 14th we will meet at Pensacola Yacht Club.**

**Sign-up to Volunteer for Rotarians Against Hunger Manna Food Bagging Event.** This event will be held Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 3030 North E St. You can sign up for the first shift from 8:00am to 10:00am or second shift from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Sign up sheet will be available at the weekly meeting or send an email and we will get you on the list.

**The next Naturalization Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2025, at 10:00am** at the United States District Courthouse, One North Palafox Street in the ceremonial courtroom on the 5th floor. Currently we have one seat available if you would like to attend, please let Chris know by Wednesday, January 15th.

**We will continue to stream our meeting using Microsoft Teams; however, changes will be made due to poor wi-fi reception at PYC.** You will no longer receive visual video of the meetings but will be able to listen to the announcements and hear the speaker. The link to join will be sent out in the same manner as before. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please let me know. 850-434-0684.

**To increase the membership of our club, we will continue to offer three free lunches for potential new members.**

**Promote your business by placing an ad in the Helicopter.** Your ad will run for a full month each week. Business card-sized ads are \$25.00, a 1/4 page is \$50.00, and a 1/2-page ad is \$75.00. To place your ad, send the prepared document to [cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org](mailto:cbridwell@pensacolarotaryclub.org) stating the size of the ad you wish to place. **Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Pensacola Foundation.**

**To pay your quarterly Rotary Club dues with a credit card/debit card** go to <http://www.pensacolarotaryclub.org/payment>. Please note a service charge will be applied to your payment.

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